IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as shown in the following claim listing:

- 1. (currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a substrate (1) and, adjacent to said substrate (1), a laminated body composed of a first an anode electrode (2) directly on said substrate, an electroluminescent layer (3) directly on said first anode electrode, a second cathode electrode (4) and 2n+1 transparent dielectric layers (5) directly on said second cathode electrode, where n = 0, 1, 2, 3 ... α , which transparent dielectric layers (5) alternately have a high refractive index of n > 1.7 and a low refractive index of n \leq 1.7, and the transparent dielectric layer (6) bordering on the second cathode electrode (4) has a high refractive index of n > 1.7, whereby reflection of light emitted by the electroluminescent layer at the cathode electrode is reduced by the transparent dielectric layer and transmission of light through the cathode electrode is increased.
- 2. (original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent layers having a high refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of TiO2, ZnS and SnO2.
- 3. (original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent layers having a low refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of SiO2 and MgF2.